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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Enclosed are additional documents relating to your April 17, 2002, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (FOIA Log #02-56) to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for: copies of all documents from September 11, 2001, to the present (April 20, 2002 – date of receipt of FOIA) related to the NIST's investigation of Seven World Trade Center – New York, New York 10048; and for documents relied upon by the NIST in performing its investigation.

In addition to the eight (8) documents that you have already received, the following four (4) documents have been located and are enclosed:

- Copy of e-mail documents between Bill Pitts, BFRL and various persons
- Copy of collapsed WTC 7 photograph from the internet
- Copy of WTC 7 photograph collage
- Copy of NIST Public-Private Response Plan dated March 15, 2002

We have one additional document that is undergoing legal review, and anticipate a decision as to the release of this document within the next month.

Several of the e-mail documents located during our search have been edited to remove personal information pursuant to exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)), in that they may constitute an invasion of "personal privacy" because they apply to a particular individual. See Sims v. CIA, 642 F.2d 562 at 572 (D.C. Cir 1980); National Parks and Conservation Ass'n v. Kleppe, 547 F.2d 673, 685 (D.C. Cir 1976). The blacked out information includes such information as personal e-mail addresses and personal addresses.

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As to the information that is being withheld from disclosure, you have the right to appeal this determination within 30 calendar days of the above date to:

General Counsel
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 5870
Washington, D.C. 20230

Your appeal should include a copy of your original request, a copy of this determination, and a statement of the reasons you believe this determination to be in error and why this material should be made fully available to you. Both your letter and the envelope in which it is mailed should be prominently marked "Freedom of Information Appeal."

As you know, NIST is conducting the building and fire safety investigation of the World Trade Center disaster. This investigation is estimated to take 24 months. During the course of the investigation, NIST will maintain a website (<http://wtc.nist.gov>) to provide information on its investigation to the public.

Should you have any questions regarding the documents provided or your request please contact me by telephone at (301) 975-4054, or by e-mail at sharon.bisco@nist.gov, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Sharon E. Bisco
Sharon E. Bisco
Freedom of Information Act Officer

Enclosures